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## **Trial dates moved for Sailor/Marine charged in the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar**

**NORFOLK, VA (NRMA)** – General court-martial trial dates have been moved for U.S. Navy Chief Special Warfare Operator Tony E. Dedolph and U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Mario A. Madero-Rodriguez in conjunction with the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar, who died June 4, 2017 while serving in Bamako, Mali.

The rescheduling of the trial dates was in response to requests for continuances brought by defense counsel for both defendants.

Dedolph, moved to mid-July, faces charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Conspiracy, Assault; Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice; Burglary; Felony Murder; Involuntary Manslaughter; Hazing; and Obstruction of Justice.

Madero-Rodriguez, moved to early September, faces charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Conspiracy, Assault; Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice; Burglary; Felony Murder; Involuntary Manslaughter; Hazing; and False Official Statements.

Dedolph and Madero-Rodriguez made their initial appearances in Navy court for an Article 32 preliminary hearing on Aug. 5, 2019. If found guilty of felony murder, each could face life in federal prison without parole, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and either a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge.

The Consolidated Disposition Authority for both cases is Rear Adm. Charles W. Rock, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

The military justice system, like the civilian justice system, follows the principle of innocent until proven guilty.

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**NOTE TO MEDIA:** For current charge sheets in conjunction with the above cases, as well as additional information on the military justice process and courtroom decorum, visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/media.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/media.html). For the detailed court docket visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/court-docket.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/court-docket.html)

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